

Voice: Springfield. 217.782.5793 Chicago. 312.814.2850 FAX 217.524.0674 BBS 217.782.9233 http://www.state.il.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 18, 2005 Contact: Beth Bosch

217-782-5793

ICC to Host Workshop on Broadband Technologies

The Illinois Commerce Commission will be host a Rural Digital Divide Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, at the Illinois State Museum Auditorium, 502 South Spring Street, Springfield, IL.

The workshop is the second in a series of workshops held to educate interested parties about various broadband technologies.

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn will speak on broadband based on his rural outreach programs. Representatives from Galesburg, Rochelle, Princeton, Salem, Champaign, Pittsfield, Johnson County and Pope County have been invited to discuss their experiences in developing and operating broadband systems. Vendors representing broadband over power lines and natural gas lines, wireless technologies, and fiber will answer questions and to provide information about their various service offerings.

Any community that is interested in obtaining or enhancing their high-speed data capabilities is welcome to attend the workshop, which will provide an opportunity for all involved to develop a better understanding of the issues individual communities face might face along with potential solutions those issues.

The final version of the agenda will be posted on the Commission's website (www.icc.illinois.gov) under "What's New."

For additional information contact Mary Collins at 312.814.1628 or via email at mcollins@icc.illinois.gov.

###